

REMARKS

Applicant requests favorable reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the preceding amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 13, 15-21 and 24-27 are presented for consideration. Claims 13 and 21 are independent. No new matter has been added.

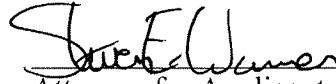
Applicant requests favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection set forth in the above-noted Office Action.

Claims 13, 15-19, 21, 26 and 27 were rejected under the judicially created ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1 and 7-13 of U.S. Patent No. 6,954,041. Without conceding the propriety of this rejection and solely to expedite prosecution, Applicant submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer, along the requisite fee of \$130.00 for filing the Terminal Disclaimer pursuant to 37 CFR 1.321 and 1.20(d). Applicant submits that the Terminal Disclaimer overcomes this obviousness-type double patenting rejection. Such favorable indication is requested.

All pending claims, namely, claims 13, 15-21 and 24-27, being allowable, Applicant submits that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration, withdrawal of the rejection set forth in the above-noted Office Action and an early Notice of Allowance are also requested.

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